

Comments on April 18, 2013 Draft PC Minutes

The following comments on Agenda Item No. 1 on the Newport Beach Planning Commission's May 9, 2013, agenda are submitted by: Jim Mosher (jimmosher@yahoo.com), 2210 Private Road, Newport Beach 92660 (949-548-6229)

Item No. 1 Minutes of April 18, 2013

Passages from the draft minutes are shown in *italics* with suggested changes in **strikeout underline** format.

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- Paragraph 4 ("Substitute Motion"): "...with a three-foot rear-yard setback **along** the northern property line."
- Under Item 3 :
 - Paragraph 1: "Deputy Community Development Director Wisneski introduced the item and addressed previous consideration by the Planning Commission, appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to the City Council and revisions made to the project **update** to accommodate additional parking."
 - Paragraph 3: "Discussion followed regarding the appropriate **signors signers** of the application ..."

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- Paragraph 9: "Richard **Haskall, Haskell** expressed concerns regarding problems with parking. He felt that people will not park off-site and that once **the a** medical use is established, it will not move. He stated that the existing adjacent property is an **eye-sore eyesore** and stated he would have no objection to the City demolishing the existing building and making it into a parking lot."
- Paragraph 10: "He indicated that the property is an **eye-sore eyesore** and and a fire hazard."
- Paragraph 11: "Sandy **Haskall Haskell** expressed ..."
- Paragraph 15: "Commissioner Kramer indicated that he finds the application **inefficient deficient** and expressed concerns with the existing uncertainty."

Note: these comments by Commissioner Kramer actually came *after* the motion, rather than *before* it, and Commissioner Tucker's longer comments on the motion do not appear in the written minutes.

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- Paragraph 2 from end: "Ms. Nova reported that interim Criterion No. 7 referenced in the Planning Director's letter is no longer in **affect effect**."

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- Paragraph 2: "Discussion followed with **Commission Commissioner** Tucker and Mr. Campbell regarding the language of the General Plan and Coastal Land Use Plan policies."
- Paragraph 11: "Ms. Nova reported that it is the City's policy to protect views from public view points and public rights-of-way **but not private views on private property**." [No correction is suggested, for this is what was said, but I would note that this does *not* seem to be the City's policy with

regard to development on public land (or development requiring an encroachment permit to build on it). In discussion about the proposed Sunset View Park (on the bluff adjacent to the Hoag Hospital cogeneration plant) at Tuesday's Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting, City staff spent considerable time explaining their sensitivity about adding as much as a bench or picnic table because of its impact on ocean views from neighboring private residences]

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- Paragraph 7: "...and that the Local Coastal Program ~~implementing plan~~ Implementation Plan has not been adopted."

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- Paragraph 7: "He commented on the Coastal Commission's definition of ~~"stringline"~~ "the predominant line of development" and felt..."

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- Paragraph 4: "Chair Toerge addressed an upcoming meeting of ~~a the~~ General Plan / Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan Committee where canyon development policies will be addressed."

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- Paragraph 6 from end: "He noted that development has been restricted in the City by the ~~"Green Light~~ Greenlight" provision **and commented about that restriction not being included within the Housing Element.**" [Note: although the minutes accurately reflect what I said - I could not find the word "Greenlight" in an automated search of the PDF file -- the draft Housing Element **does** address the restriction, but under the name of "Measure S"/" Section 423 of the City Charter," on pages 5-81 and 5-82. It might also be noted that the state laws cited on those pages no longer exist and/or read as quoted there.]

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- Under Item 8: "Brief discussion ensued regarding items for future agendas and the dates of upcoming elections of Commission officers."